

## Foreword

This report *Agricultural Policy Monitoring and Evaluation 2018* is the 31<sup>st</sup> in the series of OECD reports that monitor and evaluate agricultural policies across countries, and the sixth report to include both OECD countries and a set of Emerging Economies. The present report includes countries from all six continents, including the 35 OECD countries and the six non-OECD EU Member States, as well as ten Emerging Economies: Brazil, People's Republic of China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, Russian Federation, South Africa, Ukraine and Viet Nam.

The OECD uses a comprehensive system for measuring and classifying support to agriculture - the Producer and Consumer Support Estimates (PSEs and CSEs) and related indicators. They provide insight into the increasingly complex nature of agricultural policy and serve as a basis for OECD's agricultural policy monitoring and evaluation.

The Executive Summary synthesises the key findings of the report. Chapter 1 provides an overview of developments in agricultural policies and analyses the development of the level and structure of support to agriculture across countries included in the report. The following part contains an overview of the developments of support in the OECD area and selected Emerging Economies overall, followed by chapters on agricultural policy developments and support to agriculture in each of the countries covered in this report. Each country chapter includes a brief summary of policy developments and support to agriculture and related assessments and recommendations; information on the context in which agricultural policies are implemented; and a description of the main policy developments in 2017-18. The Statistical Annex containing detailed background tables with indicators of agricultural support is available in electronic form on the OECD publication website ([https://doi.org/10.1787/agr\\_pol-2018-en](https://doi.org/10.1787/agr_pol-2018-en)).

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